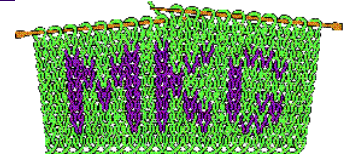


Perls of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter from Our President

We had a great time last month for our Show and Tell!

A Thank you to FedEx for the donation of Yarn to go St Jude, Julie H. helped to make this happen.

In case some of you don't know. there are 3 MKG ladies that go twice a month to teach Knitting to the kids and caretakers. Also

anyone else that stops by. We have on an average of 10 people to stop by in the 4 hours we are there. We have also had Dads and brothers that want to learn, isn't that great!

A reminder that our meeting will be Monday night the 21st, upstairs in room 308 at Holy Communion Church. If you did not get your vote in you may still do so. I

have a majority of the members have voted.

We are all getting busier now with the holidays upon us, but take some time to spend with us and doing one of our favorite things :

KNITTING!

Gail

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MKG Officers

- President - Gail Ray
- Vice President - Elissa Hargraves
- Treasurer - Jessica Walls
- Newsletter Editor - Julie Harkey
- Charity Coordinator - Donnita Humphrey
- Librarian - Elise George

Charity Coordinator

Now is the time to Knit for our Memphis Knitting Guild Charity Program.

The holidays are almost here, and a lot of people are sick and shut in. Our Knitted items will lift their spirits. Let everyone know our Memphis Knitting Guild is a caring organization. I want to thank everyone for helping with this project.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Donnita Humphrey

MKG Charity Coordinator

Dear Donnita & members,
What joy you have brought Ronald McDonald House children in the knitted items you donated! No doubt every stitch included love and well wishes to those who will receive. Your support and interest means so much to all of us at RMH. Sincerely,
Families, Staff, Volunteers



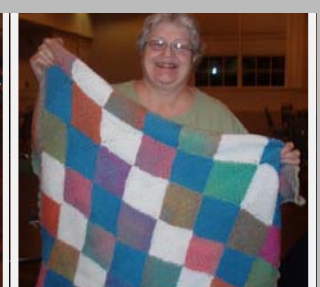
"...the number one reason knitters knit is because they are so smart that they need knitting to make boring things interesting. Knitters are so compellingly clever that they simply can't tolerate boredom. It takes more to engage and entertain this kind of human, and they need an outlet or they get into trouble.

— Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Pictures from the October Meeting



Show and Tell!



Free Patterns



Christmas Tree
by Baiba Dzelme
free Ravelry download



Ring Garland
by Frankie Brown
free Ravelry download



**Costumes, Garden Slug:
Variations on a Theme**
by cheezombie
free Ravelry download



Candy Cane Stripe Scarf
by Sarah Stokes
free Ravelry download



Tiny Toques
by Kathy Lewinski
Iron Craft Challenge #46
<http://www.justcraftyenough.com>

VP Report and October Meeting Highlights

Attendance

20 members and 2 guests. One of the guests was Maria Chandler. She is a long term volunteer at St. Jude. She came because she likes to see what other Knitters are making.

Officer Reports

- President explained unacceptable restrictions mandated by Panera Bread. Hank's church, Holy Communion, has a room available, but only on the fourth Monday of the month. If Monday is not acceptable, someone needs to locate a viable (free) alternative. The membership will vote on it at the November meeting.
- The Newsletter Editor works for FedEx. As part of CFC this year they distributed a purple canvas tote labeled FedEx Cares to each employee with instructions to fill the bag with items for a charity. Julie took a couple of extra bags and then requested more. Pictures were taken in front of the yarn stuffed purple bags with Maria Chandler and our St. Jude instructors. Our president, Treasurer, and Maggie DeVault go to St. Jude twice a month. St. Jude aprons were worn for the pictures.

Door Prizes

They weren't very many this month. I saw a baggie with two sock-size skeins. Hank of Yarn donated a small gadget bag. Julie emptied one of the FedEx Cares bags and added it to the contributions.

Miscellaneous

There was a tableful of hand knitted monsters (stuffed toys) that will be given to St. Jude for Halloween.

Program

Show and Tell. The members are doing some amazing lace knitting.

October Program

Tunisian Crochet. The instructor will give us a little history, explain how and why you would want to use Tunisian crochet, show examples, and give a short demonstration. You do not have to buy a Tunisian crochet hook. You can crochet a sample with any crochet hook that doesn't have a thumb rest. (The older ones didn't.)

Winter Party

Marcia asks that we bring finger food and a \$5-\$10 knit or crochet notions present for a gift exchange.

Elissa

Nuttin' but Knittin'

The Fine Art of Knitting in Meetings

Sadly, I am inspired to write this because I have no knitting to take with me to a meeting later today. It's not that I have no knitting, just that I have no meeting knitting. And that realization led me to the thought that perhaps I might try to sum up what I've learned over the years about effective strategies for knitting in meetings. It all boils down to a few simple rules.

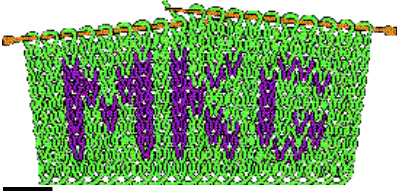
1. Speak up early and intelligently. The best way to keep people from resenting your knitting or viewing it as a distraction is to make it clear from the get-go that you are fully engaged with the non-knitting activity at hand. When I bring my knitting to a meeting, I carefully look for an opportunity to contribute a worthwhile idea or comment early on. Help those around you realize that knitting does not limit your ability to participate.
2. Keep it simple. Meeting knitting is knitting that involves little (preferably no) referring back to patterns or counting of stitches. Needles and yarn in hand can blend into the background—a stitch dictionary, multiple pages of notes, row counters and the like will draw unwanted attention. If the only projects you're currently working on (my sad situation) are complex, leave them at home.
3. Share the space. Be sure your knitting project is small enough that you're not spilling over into others' territory. One of the miseries of meetings is the way they force us to sit packed together in unfortunately small spaces. Don't let your knitting contribute to anyone else's suffering.
4. No tinking. The minute you realize you've made a mistake, put your knitting aside. You've gone from knitting to problem-solving—and problem-solving on a secondary topic is going to interfere with participating in the work at hand.
5. Don't be flashy. Certain kinds of knitting—socks on multiple double-points, for example, or colorwork involving several balls of yarn—can be particularly attention-getting for non-knitters, even if you have them mastered and don't need to refer to patterns and the like (see 2). Remember, you knit because knitting is fascinating, but you don't want to fascinate anyone else when there's other work at hand.

By actively pursuing 1 and staying mindful of 2, 3, 4 and 5, I've been able to comfortably integrate my knitting into workplace settings.

What about you? Any suggestions for subtly and effectively integrating our obsession into workplace and organizational settings? Successes you'd like to share? Horror stories we can groan over together?

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Purpose



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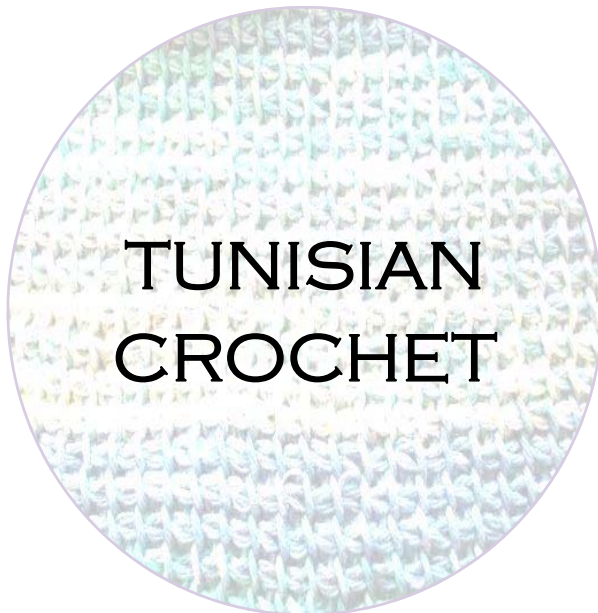
www.memphisknittingguild.org

The Memphis Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills.

The Memphis Knitting Guild is a Member of TRGA.

Please join us for our regular meetings the 4th Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin with a meet and greet at 6:00 pm.

November Program



TUNISIAN
CROCHET

Future Meetings

Monday, November 21st

Holy Communion Church

4645 Walnut Grove Rd

We still have time to look for other places for the Tuesday night time slot. We will take a vote of the membership to change the day.



Winter Party at Marcia Mitchell's!

Where: 413 Rutledge Street, Collierville, TN 38017

When: Sunday, December 11th at 2:00

What to bring: A wrapped gift - anything to do with Knitting or Crochet, between \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Finger food or dessert or snacks.

We will play dirty Santa with the gifts.

Directions: Go east on Poplar through Collierville. You will pass Sheffield Antique Mall on the left, the Middle School and The White Church on the right, then take a left onto Fletcher. Stay on Fletcher as it curves around to the right. You will cross over Collierville Arlington Rd, then take the second right onto Rutledge and I live on the corner on the right. My cell number is 487-3999.

